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HOUSE BILL 249 By
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SENATE BILL 782
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 20, relative to housing authorities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 20, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 6 of this act as a new Part thereto.

SECTION 2. There is hereby created and established a public body corporate and politic to be known as the "Tennessee Indian housing authority".

SECTION 3. The Tennessee Indian housing authority shall exercise its powers to provide housing for Indians of low income. Except as otherwise provided in this act, all the provisions of this chapter applicable to housing authorities created for municipalities shall be applicable to the Tennessee Indian housing authority, unless a different meaning appears from the context.

SECTION 4. (a) The authority shall consist of eight (8) commissioners to be appointed by the governor. Two (2) commissioners shall be appointed from each grand division of the state and two (2) commissioners shall be chosen from a list of five (5) persons submitted by the Native American Indian Association.

(b) No person shall be barred from serving as a commissioner because such person is a tenant or a home buyer in an Indian housing project.

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SECTION 5. The area of operation of the authority shall include all of Tennessee. The authority shall not undertake any housing project or projects within the area of operation of any city, county or regional housing authority until the governing body (or agency designated by it or empowered by law to act) of each city or municipality, in which any of the areas to be covered by the project is situated in a representative district thereof, has approved the proposed project plan which provides an outline for the development, construction, lease, or purchase of the proposed housing project and is sufficiently complete to indicate its relationship to definite local objectives of appropriate land use and providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing for Indians.

SECTION 6. Any funds received by the Tennessee Indian housing authority shall be used solely and exclusively for persons who are members of Tennessee and/or federally recognized Indian tribes.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.